

# RIOTS, BROKEN HEADS AND WAGON STILLS—BOTH SIDES CONFIDENT



President H. H. Vreeland at His Desk.

Photographed at the Metropolitan Railroad offices yesterday for the Journal.

## LIVELY FIGHT ON NOSTRAND AVENUE

Patrolman Hanley Hit and Badly Hurt by a Stone.

MEN ARE SCATTERED.

No More Cars Run on Nostrand Avenue Where Fight Occurred.

Police, mounted and afoot, clashed with the strikers shortly before 5 o'clock yesterday evening on Nostrand avenue, along the section between Linden avenue and Flatbush street. For twelve blocks along Nostrand avenue the street is being reggraded and the roadway of the Nostrand avenue line rebuilt. The avenue is torn up and the street curbs covered with timbers, paving stones, rails, ties and iron beams.

At about 4:45 yesterday afternoon a crowd numbering 300 strikers turned into Nostrand avenue and began blockading the road.

Policeman Hanley had seen the strikers at work. He started toward them. He was jeered at and threatened. The odds were too great against him. He signaled for assistance. Policemen Kavanaugh and McCarthy, stationed further along the avenue, also turned in calls for help.

In the meantime a Nostrand avenue trolley car, bound for Flatbush avenue, arrived, but was brought to a halt by a pile of stones on the track. Conductor Bald left his car, and aided by the motorman attempted to remove the obstructions. They were pelted with stones. Some of the stones struck the car, glass was broken, and some of the passengers leaped from the car.

The conductor was finally seized by the strikers, but he broke away. He went back to reverse the pole the car was sent backward at full speed out of danger.

Three other cars escaped in the same way. In the meantime the strikers were in full possession of the street.

Presently two patrol wagons, with eighteen policemen arrived, followed a few minutes later by the New York Seventh avenue mounted squad, which came up Malbone street at full gallop.

Upon the appearance of the police the strikers fled. Policeman Hanley was suddenly struck down by a cobblestone thrown by one of the strikers. He was rendered unconscious and taken to a hospital. The strikers then scattered. No more cars were run over that section last evening.

## ESTIMATED COST OF THE STRIKE.

### What It Costs the Strikers.

July 17—Strikers, company's estimate.....	1,200
July 17—Strikers, men's estimate.....	4,500
July 18—Strikers, company's estimate.....	1,500
July 18—Strikers, men's estimate.....	3,500
Wages lost at \$2 a day, company's estimate.....	\$5,400
Wages lost at \$2 a day, men's estimate.....	\$16,000

### What It Costs the Taxpayers.

Police from Manhattan July 16.....	1,400
Police from Manhattan after 3 p. m. July 17.....	1,178
Brooklyn police force.....	1,100
Three days' pay for police.....	\$25,473

### What It Costs the Company.

Falling off in fares July 16.....	\$15,000
Falling off in fares July 17.....	9,000
Damage to cars, feeding men and policemen, and other strike expenses.....	10,000
Total.....	\$34,000

## TROLLEY CREW SEIZED AND THE CAR DISABLED.

A group of strikers boarded a Nostrand avenue car at Vernon avenue at 10 o'clock yesterday morning and threw the conductor and the motorman off, after they had failed to persuade them to abandon the car. One of the party stole the motorman's controller handle and ran away with it.

Several policemen came up as the strikers were bombarding the stalled car with stones and bricks. All the strikers got away except Timothy J. Cronin, of No. 87 Erasmus street, one of the Brooklyn Heights ex-employees. He was taken to the Vernon avenue station and locked up.

Diets caused by eating favorite dishes cured by Simon's Digestive Tablets.

Nearby division, all of whom he meant to get rid of, said, "at least air, there is the question of the hours of employment according to the laws of the State." He said, "Oh, I have settled that. All the men will pay the men for their time. I followed the car system to East New York and frequent travel very light, and the aid of a policeman with a 'night-stick' prominently shown on every car. The men whom I talked to (many of them) were quiet and calm in their attitude and deprecated any approach to violence and wished much the State's attention.

Do air, use your good offices for this end, as the men undoubtedly have a serious grievance in the time they have to waste in waiting about the barns and in many cases the excessively long hours they are employed, which certainly places them in a condition unfit to run the cars with safety to the public. Yours faithfully, FRANCIS J. CLAY MORAN, B. D.

There's good news in the "Want" advertisements this morning.

## STRIKER GOES BACK IS NEARLY KILLED.

A Nervy Detective Rescues Him from Murderous Assaults.

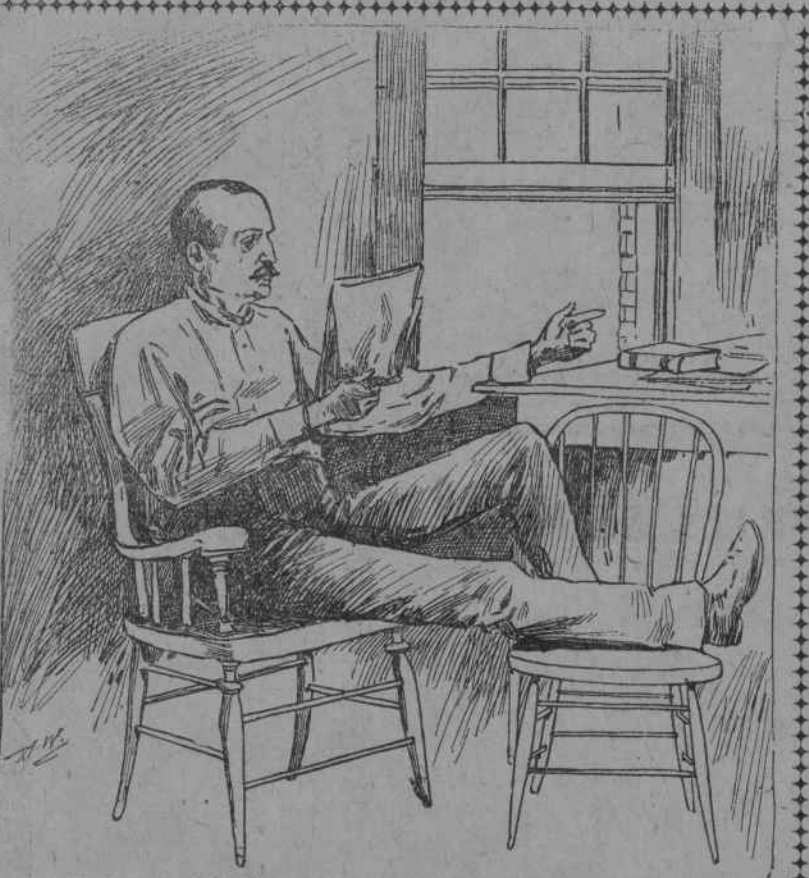
30 CHARGE ON 10,000.

Handful of Policemen Scatter an Immense Crowd at Greenpoint.

A mob of Greenpoint strikers would have killed Motorman William Osborne in an instant but for the courage of Detective Behlen, of the Greenpoint avenue station, who faced fifty strikers with drawn revolver and swore to kill the first comer. A reinforcement of police arrived just then and dispersed the crowd. Four of Osborne's assailants were caught. Rhome is badly hurt.

There were 10,000 persons, many of them women, around the Greenpoint car barn at Manhattan avenue and Box street, at 3 o'clock in the afternoon, and Police Captain Reardon stationed there with twenty men began to fear that the mob would attack the building. So he telephoned for help, and got word that thirty men were being sent, Brooklyn policemen, to deal with 200 times their number.

Osborne, who had at first obeyed the strike order and then had gone back to work, took his car past the barn to the terminus at Newtown Creek, a little farther on, while the reinforcements were on the way. Fifty strikers were waiting for Osborne. One seized his controller handle and knocked him down with it.



Delegate Charles W. McKenzie at the Strikers' Headquarters.

## THE REV. F. J. C. MORAN FINDS THAT STRIKERS' GRIEVANCE IS JUST.

The Rev. Francis J. Clay Moran, who besides his religious office, holds that of chairman of the Sweat Shop Committee, at No. 118 East Forty-sixth street, has sent the following letter:

To the Editor of the New York Journal: As chairman of the Church Association for the Advancement of the Interests of Labor (C. A. L.), I called on Mr. Clinton K. Rossiter, president of the Brooklyn Rapid Transit Company, and had an interview with that gentleman of brief duration, in which he was exceedingly courteous.

I told him that I came on behalf of my society to meet him to submit and discuss terms with his men, with the exception of the men on the

George Garity, a striking motorman, stood over Costello with a large paving stone in his hand, in the very act of dashing it down upon his skull. "I wouldn't have given two cents for my life," said Osborne.

A middle sized man, in plain clothes, all brown and nerve, tore through the crowd, a short billy in one hand and a revolver in the other. It was Behlen. "Drop that stone!" he yelled. Garity dropped it, and he milled well where he was dropping it.

"Now," said Behlen, "let one of you strike an inch this way and I'll kill him." Just then two patrol wagons dashed up to the scene and thirty policemen, sent from the Herbert street station, charged the crowd. The strikers scattered from the terminus and joined the main gathering at the car barn.

The thirty men in line marched down the avenue, hitting whomever they found in front of them, until, after thirty minutes, there was no one in sight. Osborne was a mass of bruises, for the strikers had trampled him. There were two large wounds on his scalp from blows with the metal handle. A surgeon from St. Barnard's Hospital who attended him at the car barn said he feared that the man had internal injuries which might prove fatal. Osborne preferred to remain at the car barn, however. Behlen brought Garity to him, and Osborne identified the man as his would-be murderer.

These other arrests were made: George Lydon, a motorman, of No. 44 Clay street; John Pirque, a conductor, of No. 24 Cheever place, and Fred Howard, a painter, of No. 421 East Eighty-sixth street, Manhattan. Garity's home is in Corona.

French Dinner for Arbitrators. Paris, July 17.—M. Mallet-Provost entertained the members of the Venezuela arbitration tribunal at dinner this evening.

## CAUSE OF THE STRIKE TOLD BRIEFLY.

### THE DEMANDS OF THE MEN.

1. That the time tables be arranged upon all lines so as to comply with the ten-hour law work day.
2. That the prevailing rate of wages shall be \$2 for each full day's work, and trips and overtime be paid at the rate of 20 cents per hour.
3. That two-thirds of the cars shall be full day runs.
4. That the company shall receive committees of their employees representing the men; that no employee shall be discriminated against for acting on such committees.
5. That no man shall be discharged without just and sufficient cause, and only after he has had an impartial hearing.
6. Readjustment of wages for extra brakemen, gatemen and platform men.

## ROSSITER SPEAKS FEUTILE ULTIMATUM.

Men Given Till Six Last Night to Come Back or Stay Away.

HE SEES SMALL RIOT.

Caused by an Inspector Doing Mock Heroics with a Big Pistol.

"I recognize no strike. I am willing to forget the past, and I want to say that you have until 6 o'clock to-night to go back to work. Tomorrow we will run all cars, and I am assured by Chief Devery that the fullest police protection will be afforded."

Such was the ultimatum given yesterday to the strikers in Bollinger's Hall, Flatbush and Vernon avenues.

The visit of President Rossiter, General Traffic Manager Wheatley and Director Keeler to the headquarters at Bollinger's Hall yesterday afternoon was announced in advance by Master Workman Pines, who called there about 1 p. m. Mr. Pines advised the men to meet the president with courtesy.

President Rossiter and his associates arrived in an open carriage promptly at 5 p. m. They were received in silence.

Upstairs in the meeting hall were the committee men, Al Sweeney, Tom Hall, Alfred Smith, Oscar Goetz, John Roman and Joseph R. Conlin. Mr. Rossiter leaped from the carriage and went to the door. The two others followed at a distance. The crowd parted politely to let the visitors through.

"Here, officer," cried Rossiter to a policeman, "come up with us."

"No," shouted the crowd, "no policeman upstairs. This is a private meeting."

"Boys," started Mr. Rossiter. But upstairs a window opened.

"Will you sign the agreement?" he here to see us," shouted a committee man from the window, and the three officials started upstairs.

During the conference Chairman Sweeney of the committee, offered for Mr. Rossiter's signature an agreement providing for a ten-hour day for employees at \$2 per day and twenty cents per hour for overtime. Mr. Rossiter refused to sign this.

"Let me talk to the men," he said, persuasively.

Rossiter Makes His Speech.

Chairman Sweeney introduced the president.

"Gentlemen," he said, "this is President Rossiter. Whether we win or lose, let us be gentlemen."

President Rossiter raised his hand deprecatingly. "Don't let's talk of that," he said to Sweeney, "I am addressing the men before him, he said."

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## STRIKE CAUSES A FLURRY IN STOCKS

Bears Force Price of Brooklyn Rapid Transit Down.

INSIDERS BUY FREELY.

A Rally Follows Each Onslaught, and the Shares Lose but 7-8 on the Day.

Naturally the speculative interest in



CHARLES J. HILLS

## Mrs. Hills and Her Motorman Husband.

A dramatic incident of the strike happened when the wife of Motorman Charles J. Hills, frightened by the threats of the strikers, left her home and, throwing herself in front of her husband's car, pleaded that he leave it.

Brooklyn Rapid Transit was the feature of yesterday's stock market. The post on the floor of the exchange where this stock was traded in was the storm centre of the traders and the professional speculators.

In a measure the entire drift of the market depended upon how well or how badly Brooklyn Rapid Transit acted.

On opening sales 4,500 shares changed hands at simultaneous quotations ranging from 112 down to 111, an extreme net decline of 1 1/2.

Within a few minutes it had climbed up to 112 again, only to fall off again and rally back to 112 1/2 later on.

The opening drop was the signal for some of the outstanding shorts to attempt to cover.

This interest was based upon the success of a strike to enable them to get out of an awkward dilemma.

The course of the stock was not at all agreeable to those who desired to cover without loss to themselves.

Amidst the opening Wall Street news bureau furnished their subscribers with bulletins announcing that different lines of the Brooklyn Rapid Transit system were operating cars on more or less regular schedules.

This news deterred the brokers from trying to make turns on the short side, and at the same time the uncertainty of the ultimate outcome was pronounced enough to deter the shorts from bidding the stock up against themselves in a decided effort to cover.

Flower & Co. Rallied the Market.

After the stock had climbed up to 112 another break, which carried it down to 110 1/2, which was the low point, was started by the rumor that the employees of the Brooklyn Rapid Transit would join the strikers.

Insiders, principally Flower & Co., promptly came to the rescue, causing an advance to 112 1/2. The stock closed with a net loss of 3/4 at 112.

The shares traded in amounted to 96,850. Metropolitan Street Railway and Manhattan Street Railway with the local traction leader, Metropolitan opened 3 points lower, at 219 1/2, sold up to 221 and closed with a net decline of 2 1/2 at 220 1/2.

Manhattan opened 3/4 lower, at 115 1/2, touched its low point at 117 1/2. Its highest at 119 1/2, closing 1 1/2 lower, at 118 1/2.

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